### **COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

# PUBLIC WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

July 27, 2004

Committee Report No.

04-121

Honorable Chair and Members of the County Council County of Maui Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

#### Chair and Members:

Your Public Works and Traffic Committee, having met on June 17, 2004 and July 8, 2004, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-85, from the Council Chair, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.48.095, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PARKING LIMIT ON A PORTION OF MARKET STREET IN WAILUKU, MAUI".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to establish a 120-minute parking limit along the east side of Market Street from Kapoai Place to Piihana Road in Happy Valley, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

By correspondence dated March 29, 2004, your Committee's Chair requested that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management, the Department of Police, and the Maui County Traffic Safety Council review and comment on the proposed bill.

By correspondence dated April 8, 2004, the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management provided a summary of surveys soliciting community input regarding proposed parking restrictions.

By correspondence dated April 15, 2004, the Chair of the Maui County Traffic Safety Council recommended that the proposed bill be revised to more clearly define the specific location for establishing the parking restrictions.

By correspondence dated May 5, 2004, the Chief of Police recommended delaying action on the proposed bill until roadway improvements have been completed along Market Street.

By correspondence dated May 17, 2004, your Committee's Chair requested that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management

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provide a detailed outline of roadway improvements along Market Street in Wailuku.

By correspondence dated June 1, 2004, the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management submitted a signage and striping plan, and outline of roadway improvements.

By correspondence dated June 16, 2004, your Committee's Chair transmitted copies of correspondence, surveys and responses from property owners with frontages on Market Street, relating to parking restrictions along Market Street, from Kahawai Street to its intersection with Piihana and Mokuhau Roads.

At its meeting of June 17, 2004, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management; the Acting Engineering Division Chief, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management; a Captain and a Community Police Officer, Department of Police; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from two individuals who supported the proposed bill.

The Director stated that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management transmitted surveys to 22 property owners in the Happy Valley area requesting their opinion about the creation of a two-hour parking limit along Market Street. He indicated that 11 responses have been received, 6 of which were in support of the proposal, 4 against and 1 offering no opinion. He noted that the Department also received numerous letters in support of establishing parking restrictions between Kapoai Place to Alahee Drive. He also noted that most of the opposition to the parking restriction extended beyond Alahee Drive. He recommended that the proposed bill be revised to extend the parking restriction to the middle of 340 Market Street's frontage (250 feet from the center line of Kapoai Place) to include the last stall when the Market Street Improvement Project is complete. He indicated that the proposed parking restrictions would not apply to Sundays or holidays.

Your Committee considered revising the proposed bill to establish the parking restrictions along Market Street from Kapoai Place to Alahee Drive.

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The Acting Engineering Division Chief indicated that the estimated costs for signage and striping will range between \$2,000 to \$3,000. He also noted that the proposed Market Street roadway improvements should commence in March 2005 with completion scheduled for June 2006.

The Captain stated that the Department of Police does not object to the proposed bill if the roadway and parking stalls are clearly delineated.

The Community Police Officer recommended that action on the proposed bill be delayed until roadway improvements have been completed along Market Street. He noted that because of substandard roadway design, there is no improved curbs, sidewalks and gutters. He further stated that driveways into businesses along Market Street extend the entire length of various properties, which may create difficulty in delineating parking stalls. He recommended that if your Committee wishes to take action on the proposed bill, proper signage must be installed and the parking stalls must be defined for purposes of enforcement.

In response to an inquiry by your Committee, the Community Police Officer stated that, currently only three parking stalls are delineated on Market Street. However, he indicated that certain stalls do not meet minimum size requirements for on-street parking . Furthermore, he noted that certain stalls do not allow 20 feet of clearance to an intersection pursuant to Section 10.48.030 A(6), Maui County Code.

Your Committee noted that the survey of property owners along Market Street, conducted by the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management, indicated that the proposed parking restrictions would occur between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proposed bill establishes restrictions between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Acting Engineering Division Chief stated that he did not know whether the responses would be different if the times on the survey were consistent with the proposed bill.

Your Committee requested that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management provide the following:

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- Recommendations for addressing pedestrian safety concerns along North Market Street at its intersection with Piihana Street, Mokuhau Street, and Kahekili Highway;
- 2. A proposed plan to clearly define interim on-street parking measures along North Market Street from Kapoai Place to Alahee Drive, developed through coordination with the community and the Department of Police;
- 3. Estimated costs for the installation of signage, re-striping, and the delineation of parking stalls for the interim parking measures along North Market Street:
- 4. A determination as to whether special consideration was granted to businesses along North Market Street, for off-street parking requirements, as a result of limited property availability; and
- 5. The origin of the request to survey property owners along North Market Street about establishing parking restrictions.

Your Committee deferred the matter pending further discussion.

By correspondence dated June 30, 2004, the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management provided detailed information relative to the creation of parking stalls, cost estimates, pedestrian safety measures and communication efforts with the businesses and property owners on the proposed parking restrictions.

At its meeting of July 8, 2004, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management; an Acting Captain, Wailuku Traffic Division and a Community Police Officer, Department of Police; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Director summarized the proposed interim parking and pedestrian improvements along Market Street as noted in his correspondence dated June 30, 2004. He further noted that permanent roadway improvements are estimated to be completed in approximately 18 months.

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The Community Police Officer advised your Committee that enforcement of loading zone restrictions can be problematic because time restrictions are not attached to such zones. He recommended revising the definition of a loading zone to identify a specific time limit for parking.

Your Committee noted that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management is recommending parking restrictions for both sides of Market Street. As a result, your Committee requested that the proposed bill be revised to establish parking restrictions on both sides of Market Street from Kapoai Place to Alahee Drive.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill, as revised, and filing of the communication.

Your Public Works and Traffic Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

- 1. That Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ (2004), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.48.095, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PARKING LIMIT ON A PORTION OF MARKET STREET IN WAILUKU, MAUI", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
- 2. That County Communication No. 04-85 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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